AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 1 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

--This application incorporates by reference commonly-assigned and co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Number _____ [IBM Docket Number TUC9-2003-0162US1]United States Patent Application Serial Number 10/719,180, entitled HOST-INITIATED DATA RECONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVED RAID READ OPERATIONS, filed on even date herewithNovember 20, 2003.--